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SUBJ: WMO: POTENTIAL U.S. CANDIDATE FOR WMO SYG

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1. POLCOUNS RAISED THIS QUESTION DECEMBER 30 WITH MFA
DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND HIS DEPARTMENT
HEAD. BOTH MEN SAID THEY WERE NOT AWARE THAT IRAN HAS ANY
CANDIDATE TO REPLACE DR. DAVIES AS WMO SYG AND ASSURED US
GOI WOULD GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO ANY U.S. CANDIDATE
SUCH AS DR. WHITE, SHOULD DR. DAVIES DECIDE NOT TO STAND FOR
ANOTHER FOUR-YEAR TERM. OF COURSE, MFA OFFICIALS POINTED
OUT, THE ELECTION IS MONTHS OFF AND IT IS POSSIBLE IDEAS ON
AN IRANIAN CANDIDATE MAY EXIST IN OTHER PARTS OF THE GOI OF
WHICH MFA MAY BE UNAWARE. IRANIAN METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE
IS UNDER VICE MINISTER OF WAR, AND MFA HAS NOT
HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THIS ISSUE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.

2. MFA OFFICIALS WERE ALSO UNAWARE OF ANY INTEREST ON THE
PART OF IRANIAN DELEGATE DR. NAVAI IN THE JOB, AND DID NOT
REACT IN A WAY TO INDICATE RESERVATIONS ON THAT POINT
WHEN WE SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY. AT THE SAME TIME,
EMBASSY IS AWARE THAT NAVAI'S INTEREST COULD BE AROUSED
IF OTHERS EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR HIS CANDIDACY (SEE TEHRAN
REF AIRGRAM).
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3. WE SHALL BE HAPPY TO SOUND OUT GOI AT A LATER DATE ONCE
DR. DAVIES' INTENTIONS BECOME CLEARER.
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